

TENNESSEE SMALL BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE

PROGRAM

1-800-734-3619

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The Small Business Environmental Assistance Program provides technical, administrative and regulatory support for small businesses. The SBEAP staff serves as a liaison between the regulatory agency and the small business owner. Confidentiality is maintained when representing the interest of a small business. The types of assistance provided through the SBEAP include:

- Assisting small businesses with environmental permitting and compliance issues
- Notifying businesses of regulatory requirements and needed actions to comply
- Developing and providing easy to understand environmental compliance information
- Conducting training programs on environmental regulatory compliance methods
- Providing information to promote reduction in regulatory burden; cost saving operating methods and substitution of more environmentally friendly materials/solvents
- Providing referrals to other assistance programs

☛ For more information or assistance, call, e-mail or write :

TENNESSEE SMALL BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,
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Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1551 - 1-800-734-3619

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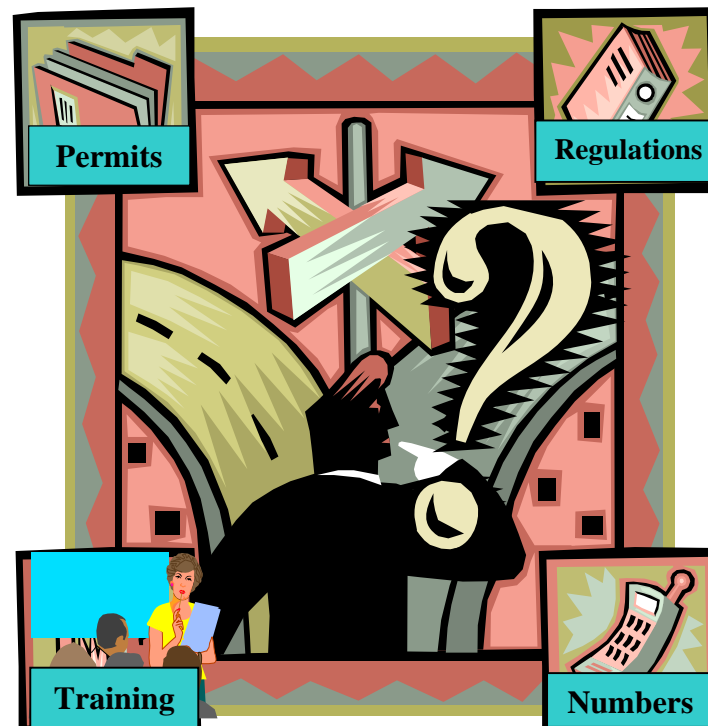
To Reach Your Local Environmental Field Office

Call 1-888-891-8332 or 1-888-891-TDEC



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ATTENTION SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS! DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?



SOMEONE HAS THE ANSWERS!

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WHO CAN HELP

AGENCY AND TYPE OF ASSISTANCE

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

☛ *Small Business Environmental Advocate*

The Advocate works with business, trade associations, and government agencies, to promote communication and encourage voluntary air emission compliance.

Telephone #: 1-800-734-3619

☛ *Small Business Environmental Assistance Program [SBEAP]*

The SBEAP provides confidential technical, administrative, and environmental regulatory support for small business, serving as liaison between the regulatory agency and the small business, conducting onsite consultations, and informing small businesses of applicable environmental regulations and deadlines for compliance.

Telephone #: 615-532-8013 or 1-800-734-3619

E-mail: BGSBEAP@state.tn.us

Website: <http://state.tn.us/environment/ea/sbeap/>

☛ *Tennessee Environmental Coordinator (EC)*

The EC provides multiple program permit coordination for new industries, manages regional community outreach, acts as a regional contact for the Division of Community Assistance (pollution prevention, grant programs) and provides compliance information and technical assistance to citizens.

Telephone #: 1-888-891-TDEC (8332)

Website: <http://state.tn.us/environment/efo/ecs.shtml>

Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development

☛ *Business Services*

This unit acts as a small business information center that identifies sources of capital, available financing, and opportunities for the small business owner.

Telephone #: 615-741-2626

Financial Assistance website - www.state.tn.us/ecd/rg_ch5.htm

Minority Business website - www.state.tn.us/ecd/minority.htm

☛ *Energy Division*

This Division administers a loan program that encourages identification and installation of energy-use reducing equipment, and the incorporation of approved energy efficient methods in the businesses of Tennessee.

Telephone #: 615-741-2994

Website: www.state.tn.us/ecd/energy.htm

Tennessee Department of Labor

☛ *Occupation Safety and Health Administration (TOSHA)*

Consultative Services: - Confidential and non-regulatory consultation is provided for employers regarding TOSHA compliance issues.

Telephone #: 1-800-249-8510

Website: www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/toshcons.html

☛ *Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC)*

Service Centers and affiliate offices across the state of Tennessee provide management and technical assistance for such issues as workflow analysis, sources of capital, education and training. The Division of Technology and Energy Services provides counseling and training services in the areas of energy systems, computers, and office and plant automation.

Telephone #: 615-849-9999 / 1-877-898-3900 Website: www.tsbdc.org

☛ *University of Tennessee Center for Industrial Services (UTCIS)*

UTCIS provides assistance to Tennessee businesses through technical training workshops, publications, compliance and waste reduction assessments, management and supervisory training.

Telephone #: 615-532-8657 / 1-888-763-7439 Website: www.cis.utk.edu

☛ *Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Customer Service Centers*

TVA's Customer Service and Economic Development Centers promote the growth of new and existing businesses. Customer Service Centers are found in Memphis, Jackson, Nashville, Murfreesboro, Columbia, Chattanooga, Cleveland, Knoxville and Johnson City.

Website: <http://www.tva.gov/products/small.htm>

☛ *Mid-Cumberland Area Development Corporation*

This agency provides assistance to small businesses applying for SBA 504 loans and other government loan programs.

Telephone #: 615-862-8831 Website: <http://www.sba-504loans.com>

☛ *Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry*

The Chamber is the state chamber of commerce and the state manufacturers association. It enhances the state's business climate through a wide variety of efforts.

Telephone #: 615-256-5141 Website: <http://www.tnchamber.org/>

☛ *U.S. Small Business Administration [TN district office]*

The federal agency addresses issues of finance, marketing, production, and personnel. Numerous loan programs are administered through local banks. Management development programs are also available.

Telephone #: 615-736-5881 / 1-800-733-2894 Website: www.sba.gov/tn

☛ *National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)*

NFIB has a website with current information on finance, how to start a small business, management, marketing and other issues of interest to small businesses.

Telephone #: 615-872-5800 Website: www.nfibonline.com

☛ *Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)*

Retired individuals volunteer their time and expertise to work with new business owners.

Telephone #: 1-800-634-0245 Website: www.score.org